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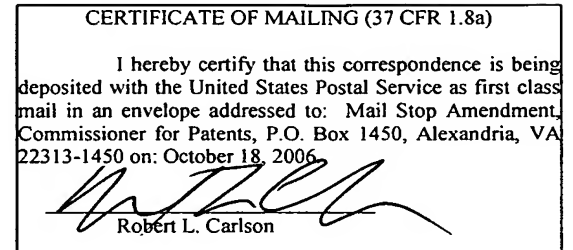
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Applicant : Kirk Patton Bumgarner, et al  
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RETHREADING OPTICAL FIBER DURING FIBER DRAW

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 21, 2006, please enter the remarks/arguments to the record of the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper